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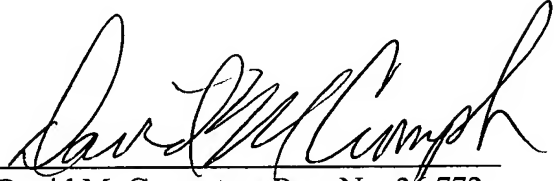
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By Thu Le-To

Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 1, 2003, with a priority period set to expire February 1, 2004, and a shortened statutory period set to expire on March 1, 2004. This paper is filed within the set priority period for response such that no extension of time is necessary.

Please consider the following amendments and remarks: